Joy Brewer

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Sent: Thursday, May 14, 2015 9:04 AM

To: Joy Brewer

Subject: Pipeline Secrecy Bill (Please print and hand out to members at the meeting)

Chairman McBroom & members of the board,

I am voicing my concern about the Pipeline Secrecy Bill.

It's come to my attention that House Bill 4540 regards placing gas pipelines without letting citizens know about it. Amending Michigan's Freedom of Information Act, severing all lines of access to "energy system safety records" should not even be an option. The article I was presented with states this bill would stop us from getting information about "high-risk pipelines like the one running through the Straits of Mackinac operated by the controversial Canadian oil conglomerate Enbridge, Inc.." My question is, what happens if that pipe bursts, and before any officials can get the word out to the community, kids are already being contaminated by the gas flowing freely into our waterways?

It has also come to my attention that after passing this bill, Michigan will be the only state left in the dark where pipelines are concerned. Why do we think this is OK? What makes Michigan so special that you have to take our right for information away? Specially one that coincides with our safety? I have young children. I want to know that information is readily available for me about where a pipeline is laid if I desire to obtain said information. I want to know if I am smelling gas to call somebody immediately simply because I was able to have the knowledge about the gas pipeline placed at the end of my road.

Please, for the safety of Michigan's citizens, vote NO to House Bill 4540.

With deep regard, The Davis family